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Subject AQS Ready to Accept XML Data

Dear AQS User,

AQS can now accept data in the XML format!

If you can generate XML submission transactions, you may submit them through CDX in exactly the same manner you now submit "flat" transaction files. (We are working toward Exchange Network "Node" submissions, but this is not yet implemented.)

If you cannot generate XML, don't worry. We have \*no\* plans to discontinue the processing of any currently acceptable formats.

If you submit XML, you will get a second message from CDX in addition to your receipt. The new message is a validation report with the results of a format and content check performed at CDX. If your file fails this validation, it will not be forwarded to AQS. If it passes, it will show up on your batch load screen just as files do now.

The XML schema definition and more detailed instructions are available at <http://www.exchangenetwork.net/exchanges/air/aqs.htm>.

The current version of the schema is 1.0. We will be releasing version 2.0 in the next month or so. The new version is to keep up with changes in the AQS application and transaction formats.

If you have any questions about AQS and XML, feel free to contact me via email or at 919-541-5549. I will be speaking about XML at the AQS Conference in two weeks (be sure to register if you are attending and have not already. Info at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/airs/airsaqs/conference/AQS2005/aqs2005-preconf.htm>.)

If you have any trouble submitting an XML file through CDX, you can call the CDX help desk at 888-890-1995.

Thank you for your time,  
Nick Mangus  
AQS Team